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***"AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT."***

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections  
2 and internal references accordingly

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Section 32-1m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7 (a) Not later than February [1, 2006, and annually thereafter] first,  
8 annually, the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
9 Development shall submit a report to the Governor, the Auditors of  
10 Public Accounts and the joint standing committees of the General  
11 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and

12 the budgets of state agencies, finance, revenue and bonding and  
13 commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Not later  
14 than thirty days after submission of the report, [to the Governor and  
15 the General Assembly,] said commissioner shall post the report on the  
16 Department of Economic and Community Development's web site.  
17 [Said] Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following  
18 information with regard to the activities of the Department of  
19 Economic and Community Development and to business assistance or  
20 incentive programs not administered by the department, during the  
21 preceding state fiscal year:

22 (1) A brief description and assessment of the state's economy during  
23 such year, utilizing the most recent and reasonably available data, and  
24 including:

25 (A) Connecticut employment by industry;

26 (B) Connecticut and national average unemployment; and

27 (C) Connecticut gross state product, by industry. [;]

28 [(D) Connecticut productivity, by industry, compared to the  
29 national average;

30 (E) Connecticut manufacturing activity;

31 (F) Identification of economic and competitive conditions affecting  
32 Connecticut's industry sectors, problems resulting from these  
33 conditions and state efforts to address the problems;

34 (G) A brief summary of Connecticut's competitiveness as a place for  
35 business, which shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of (i)  
36 how the programs and policies of state government affect the state  
37 economy and state business environment, (ii) the ability of the state to  
38 retain and attract businesses, (iii) the steps taken by other states to  
39 improve the competitiveness of such states as places for business, and  
40 (iv) programs and policies the state could implement to improve the  
41 competitiveness of the state in order to encourage economic growth;

42 and

43 (H) Any other economic information that the commissioner deems  
44 appropriate.

45 (2) A statement of the department's economic and community  
46 development objectives, measures of program success and standards  
47 for granting financial and nonfinancial assistance under programs  
48 administered by the department.]

49 [(3)] (2) An analysis of the economic development portfolio of the  
50 department, including, but not limited to, each business assistance or  
51 incentive program, including any business tax credit or abatement  
52 program, grant, loan, forgivable loan or other form of assistance,  
53 enacted for the purpose of improving economic development. The  
54 analysis shall include:

55 (A) The Internet web site address of the state's open data portal and  
56 an indication of where the name, address and location of each recipient  
57 of the department's assistance is published on the site along with the  
58 following information concerning each recipient: (i) Business activities,  
59 (ii) standard industrial classification codes or North American  
60 industrial classification codes, [(iii) number of full-time jobs and part-  
61 time jobs at the time of application, (iv) number of actual full-time jobs  
62 and actual part-time jobs during the preceding state fiscal year, (v)] (iii)  
63 whether the recipient is a minority or woman-owned business, [(vi)]  
64 (iv) a summary of the terms and conditions for the assistance,  
65 including the type and amount of state financial assistance [,] and job  
66 creation or retention requirements, [and anticipated wage rates, (vii)]  
67 (v) the amount of investments from private and other nonstate sources  
68 that have been leveraged by the assistance, [(viii) the extent to which  
69 employees of the recipient participate in health benefit plans offered  
70 by such recipient, (ix) the extent to which the recipient offers unique  
71 economic, social, cultural or aesthetic attributes to the municipality in  
72 which the recipient is located or to the state, and (x)] and (vi) the  
73 amount of state investment;

74 [(C)] (B) A portfolio analysis, including [(i)] an analysis of the wages  
75 paid by recipients of financial assistance [, (ii) the average portfolio  
76 wage, median portfolio wage, highest and lowest portfolio wage, (iii)  
77 portfolio wage data by industry, and (iv) portfolio wage data by  
78 municipality] by industry;

79 [(D)] (C) An investment analysis, including (i) total portfolio value,  
80 (ii) total investment by industry, (iii) portfolio dollar per job average,  
81 (iv) portfolio leverage ratio; [, and (v) percentage of financial assistance  
82 which was provided to high performance work organizations in the  
83 preceding state fiscal year; and]

84 [(E)] (D) An overview of the business assistance and incentive  
85 programs administered by the department and an analysis of [the]  
86 their estimated economic [effects of the department's economic  
87 development investments on the state's economy, including (i)  
88 contribution to gross state product for the total economic development  
89 portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding  
90 state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the  
91 investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity  
92 occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) productivity of  
93 recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's  
94 investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) directly or  
95 indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which the  
96 recipients of assistance are located, and (v) personal income.] impact  
97 on the state's economy. The analysis shall include, for each business  
98 assistance or incentive program for which such data is available, the  
99 number of new jobs created, the borrowing cost to the state and the  
100 estimated impact of such program on annual state revenues;

101 (E) An analysis of whether the statutory and programmatic goals of  
102 each business or incentive program are being met, with obstacles to  
103 such goals identified, if possible;

104 (F) (i) Recommendations as to whether any existing business  
105 assistance or incentive program should be continued, modified or

106 repealed and the basis or bases for such recommendations, and (ii) any  
107 recommendations for additional data collection by the state to better  
108 inform future evaluations of such programs; and

109 (G) The methodologies and assumptions used in carrying out the  
110 analyses under this subdivision.

111 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) An analysis of the community development portfolio of the  
112 department, including:

113 [(A) A list of the names, addresses and locations of all recipients of  
114 the department's assistance;

115 (B) The following information concerning each recipient of such  
116 assistance:]

117 (A) The Internet web site address of the state's open data portal and  
118 an indication of where the name, address and location of each recipient  
119 of the department's assistance is published on the site along with the  
120 following information concerning each recipient: (i) Amount of state  
121 investment, (ii) a summary of the terms and conditions for the  
122 department's assistance, including the type and amount of state  
123 financial assistance, and (iii) the amount of investments from private  
124 and other nonstate sources that have been leveraged by such  
125 assistance; and

126 ~~[(C)]~~ (B) An investment analysis, including (i) total active portfolio  
127 value, (ii) total investments made in the preceding state fiscal year,  
128 ~~[(iii) total portfolio by municipality, (iv) total investments made in the~~  
129 ~~preceding state fiscal year categorized by municipality, (v)]~~ and (iii)  
130 total portfolio leverage ratio. [, and (vi) leverage ratio of the total  
131 investments made in the preceding state fiscal year; and]

132 [(D) An analysis of the estimated economic effects of the  
133 department's economic development investments on the state's  
134 economy, including (i) contribution to gross state product for the total  
135 portfolio and for any investment activity occurring in the preceding

136 state fiscal year, (ii) direct and indirect employment created by the  
137 investments for the total portfolio and for any investment activity  
138 occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iii) productivity of  
139 recipients of financial assistance as a result of the department's  
140 investment occurring in the preceding state fiscal year, (iv) directly or  
141 indirectly increased property values in the municipalities in which the  
142 recipients are located, and (v) personal income.]

143 (4) An analysis of each business assistance or incentive program,  
144 including any business tax credit or abatement program, grant, loan,  
145 forgivable loan or other form of assistance, enacted for the purpose of  
146 improving economic development, that (A) (i) had ten or more  
147 recipients of assistance in the preceding state fiscal year, or (ii)  
148 credited, abated or distributed more than one million dollars in the  
149 preceding state fiscal year, and (B) is not administered by the  
150 department. The analysis shall include:

151 (i) An overview of the business assistance or incentive program and  
152 an analysis of its estimated economic effects on the state's economy,  
153 including, for each program where such data is available, the number  
154 of new jobs created and the estimated impact of such program on  
155 annual state revenues;

156 (ii) An analysis of whether the statutory and programmatic goals of  
157 each business assistance or incentive program are being met, with  
158 obstacles to such goals identified, if possible;

159 (iii) Recommendations as to whether any such existing business  
160 assistance or incentive program should be continued, modified or  
161 repealed and the basis or bases for such recommendations, and any  
162 recommendations for additional data collection by the state to better  
163 inform future evaluations of such programs; and

164 (iv) The methodologies and assumptions used in carrying out the  
165 analysis under this subdivision.

166 [(5) A summary of the department's economic and community

167 development marketing efforts in the preceding state fiscal year, a  
168 summary of the department's business recruitment strategies and  
169 activities in such year, and a summary of the department's efforts to  
170 assist small businesses and minority business enterprises in such year.]

171 [(6)] (5) A summary of the department's international trade efforts  
172 in the preceding state fiscal year, and, to the extent possible, a  
173 summary of foreign direct investment that occurred in the state in such  
174 year.

175 [(7) Identification of existing economic clusters, the formation of  
176 new economic clusters, the measures taken by the commissioner  
177 during the preceding state fiscal year to encourage the growth of  
178 economic clusters and the amount of bond funds expended by the  
179 department during the previous fiscal year on each economic cluster.

180 (8) (A) A summary of the department's brownfield-related efforts  
181 and activities within the Office of Brownfield Remediation and  
182 Development established pursuant to subsections (a) to (d), inclusive,  
183 of section 32-761 in the preceding state fiscal year, except for activity  
184 under the Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance  
185 Fund program. Such efforts shall include, but not be limited to, (i) total  
186 portfolio investment in brownfield remediation projects, (ii) total  
187 investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state  
188 fiscal year, (iii) total number of brownfield remediation projects, (iv)  
189 total number of brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state  
190 fiscal year, (v) total of reclaimed and remediated acreage, (vi) total of  
191 reclaimed and remediated acreage in the preceding state fiscal year,  
192 (vii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio investment in brownfield  
193 remediation projects, and (viii) leverage ratio for the total portfolio  
194 investment in brownfield remediation projects in the preceding state  
195 fiscal year. Such summary shall include a list of such brownfield  
196 remediation projects and, for each such project, the name of the  
197 developer and the location by street address and municipality and a  
198 tracking of all funds administered through or by said office;

199 (B) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the  
200 Special Contaminated Property Remediation and Insurance Fund,  
201 including, but not limited to, (i) the number of applications received in  
202 the preceding state fiscal year, (ii) the number and amounts of loans  
203 made in such year, (iii) the names of the applicants for such loans, (iv)  
204 the average time period between submission of application and the  
205 decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) a list of the applications  
206 approved and the applications denied and the reasons for such  
207 denials, and (vi) for each project, the location by street address and  
208 municipality; and

209 (C) A summary of the department's efforts with regard to the dry  
210 cleaning grant program, established pursuant to section 12-263m,  
211 including, but not limited to, (i) information as to the number of  
212 applications received, (ii) the number and amounts of grants made  
213 since the inception of the program, (iii) the names of the applicants,  
214 (iv) the time period between submission of application and the  
215 decision to grant or deny the loan, (v) which applications were  
216 approved and which applications were denied and the reasons for any  
217 denials, and (vi) a recommendation as to whether the surcharge and  
218 grant program established pursuant to section 12-263m should  
219 continue.

220 (9) The following information concerning enterprise zones  
221 designated under section 32-70:

222 (A) A statement of the current goals for enterprise zones;

223 (B) A statement of the current performance standards to measure  
224 the progress of municipalities that have enterprise zones in attaining  
225 the goals for such zones;

226 (C) A report from each municipality that has an enterprise zone,  
227 which evaluates the progress of the municipality in meeting the  
228 performance standards established under section 32-70a; and

229 (D) An assessment of the performance of each enterprise zone based



230 on information collected under subparagraph (C) of this subdivision.

231 (10) With regard to the grant program designated pursuant to  
232 sections 32-324a to 32-324e, inclusive, an assessment of program  
233 performance.

234 (11) With regard to the fuel diversification program designated  
235 pursuant to section 32-324g, an assessment of program performance.

236 (12) An assessment of the performance of the Connecticut qualified  
237 biodiesel producer incentive account grant program established  
238 pursuant to sections 32-324a to 32-324e, inclusive.

239 (13) An assessment of the performance of the fuel diversification  
240 grant program established pursuant to section 32-324g.]

241 [(14)] (6) A summary of the total social and economic impact of the  
242 department's efforts and activities in the areas of economic and  
243 community development, and an assessment of the department's  
244 performance in terms of meeting its stated goals and objectives.

245 [(15) With regard to the Connecticut Credit Consortium established  
246 pursuant to section 32-9yy, a summary of the activity of such program,  
247 including, but not limited to, the number of loans and lines of credit  
248 applied for and approved, the size of the businesses, the amount of the  
249 loans or lines of credit, and the amount repaid to date.

250 (16) With regard to the office of the permit ombudsman, established  
251 pursuant to section 32-726:

252 (A) The names of applicants for expedited review;

253 (B) The date of request for expedited review;

254 (C) The basis upon which the applicant claimed eligibility for  
255 expedited review;

256 (D) State agencies that participated in the permit review process;

257 (E) The dates on which the permit was granted or denied via the  
258 expedited review process or the date the applicant was determined not  
259 to be eligible for expedited review; and

260 (F) If applicable, the reason the applicant was determined not to be  
261 eligible for the expedited review process.]

262 [(17)] (7) With regard to the Small Business Express program  
263 established pursuant to section 32-7g, data on (A) the number of small  
264 businesses that applied to the Small Business Express program, (B) the  
265 number of small businesses that received assistance under said  
266 program and the general categories of such businesses, (C) the  
267 amounts and types of assistance provided, (D) the total number of jobs  
268 on the date of application and the number proposed to be created or  
269 retained, and (E) the most recent employment figures of the small  
270 businesses receiving assistance.

271 [(18)] (8) With regard to airport development zones established  
272 pursuant to section 32-75d, a summary of the economic and cost  
273 benefits of each zone and any recommended revisions to any such  
274 zones.

275 (9) An overview of the department's activities related to tourism, the  
276 arts and historic preservation.

277 (10) An overview of the department's activities concerning digital  
278 media, motion pictures and related production activity, and an  
279 analysis of the use of the film production tax credit established under  
280 section 12-217jj, the entertainment industry infrastructure tax credit  
281 established under section 12-217kk and the digital animation  
282 production tax credit established under section 12-217ll, including the  
283 amount of any tax credit issued under said sections and the total  
284 amount of production expenses or costs incurred in the state by the  
285 taxpayer who was issued such a tax credit.

286 (11) A summary of the department's and the office of the permit  
287 ombudsman's brownfield-related efforts and activities in the preceding

288 fiscal year.

289 (12) A summary of the department's dry cleaning establishment  
290 remediation account activities in the preceding fiscal year.

291 (b) Any annual report that is required from the department by any  
292 provision of the general statutes shall be incorporated into the annual  
293 report [provided] submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

294 (c) On or before March 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the joint  
295 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
296 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,  
297 finance, revenue and bonding and commerce shall hold, individually  
298 or jointly, one or more public hearings on the analyses included in the  
299 annual report under subdivisions (3) and (5) of subsection (a) of this  
300 section.

301 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

302 (1) "Annual report" means the report required under subsection (a)  
303 of section 32-1m of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

304 (2) "Incentive programs" means every business assistance or  
305 incentive program, including any business tax credit or abatement  
306 program, grant, loan, forgivable loan or other form of assistance,  
307 enacted for the purpose of improving economic development; and

308 (3) "Performance audit" means an examination of performance that  
309 provides findings or conclusions to determine effectiveness in  
310 achieving expressed legislative purposes.

311 (b) As part of each audit the Auditors of Public Accounts perform of  
312 the Department of Economic and Community Development or as a  
313 stand-alone audit, said auditors shall conduct a performance audit of  
314 incentive programs, in such order and frequency as said auditors deem  
315 necessary. Said auditors shall conduct any such performance audit in  
316 accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards or  
317 by another method said auditors deem appropriate.

318 (c) As part of each audit the Auditors of Public Accounts perform of  
319 the Department of Economic and Community Development, said  
320 auditors shall evaluate the annual reports submitted by the  
321 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development since the  
322 last audit performed of the department by said auditors and the  
323 analyses required under subdivisions (3) and (5) of subsection (a) of  
324 section 32-1m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and  
325 included in such annual reports. Such evaluation shall include, but  
326 need not be limited to:

327 (1) A determination of whether evidence is available to support the  
328 accuracy of the data presented in such annual reports;

329 (2) An evaluation of management practices and operations with  
330 respect to the ease or difficulty for taxpayers to comply with the  
331 requirements of the incentive programs;

332 (3) Recommendations for improving the administrative efficiency or  
333 effectiveness of the incentive programs; and

334 (4) An evaluation of whether such annual reports satisfy the  
335 reporting requirements under subsection (a) of section 32-1m of the  
336 general statutes, as amended by this act.

337 (d) (1) The Auditors of Public Accounts shall submit a report, in  
338 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, of the  
339 performance audit and evaluation required, pursuant to subsections  
340 (b) and (c) of this section, as part of each audit said auditors perform of  
341 the Department of Economic and Community Development, to the  
342 Governor, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and  
343 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
344 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of  
345 state agencies, finance, revenue and bonding and commerce. Such  
346 report may be submitted as part of the audit report of the Department  
347 of Economic and Community Development that said auditors issue  
348 pursuant to section 2-90 of the general statutes.

349 (2) The Auditors of Public Accounts shall submit a report, in  
350 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, of any stand-  
351 alone performance audit conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
352 section, to the Governor, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
353 Management and the joint standing committees of the General  
354 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and  
355 the budgets of state agencies, finance, revenue and bonding and  
356 commerce.

357 (e) Said committees shall hold, individually or jointly, one or more  
358 public hearings on a report submitted pursuant to subsection (d) of  
359 this section.

360 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a  
361 Minority Business Initiative Advisory Board, which shall be within the  
362 Department of Economic and Community Development. The advisory  
363 board shall: (1) Advise the Commissioner of Economic and  
364 Community Development with regard to increasing the availability of  
365 technical assistance, access to capital and access to state contracts to  
366 minority-owned businesses; and (2) develop and administer programs  
367 to foster financial literacy, minority employment and  
368 entrepreneurship, which may include, but need not be limited to,  
369 internship and externship programs, apprenticeship programs,  
370 entrepreneurship programs and subsidies to employers for job  
371 creation.

372 (b) The advisory board shall consist of the following members:

373 (1) Four appointed by the Commissioner of Economic and  
374 Community Development, in consultation with members of the  
375 minority business community. Each such appointee shall: (1) Have  
376 skill, knowledge and experience in business and business  
377 development, procurement, and state and federal contracting; (2) have  
378 skill, knowledge and experience in developing minority-owned  
379 businesses; (3) be a member of or hold an office in a community  
380 organization serving minority populations that has economic

381 development, including, but not limited to, business and  
382 entrepreneurial development, as part of its mission; (4) have business  
383 development education and training expertise; (5) represent a business  
384 or organization that primarily engages in business development; or (6)  
385 own a business;

386 (2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

387 (3) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

388 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
389 Representatives;

390 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

391 (6) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
392 or the commissioner's designee.

393 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
394 September 1, 2017. Members shall serve a two-year term and may not  
395 serve more than three such terms consecutively, except that each  
396 member shall hold office until a successor is appointed. Any vacancy  
397 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

398 (d) The commissioner shall schedule the first meeting of the  
399 advisory board not later than September 30, 2017. The advisory board  
400 shall elect a chairperson from among its members. The advisory board  
401 shall meet at such times as the chairperson deems necessary.

402 (e) No member of the advisory board shall receive compensation for  
403 such member's services.

404 Sec. 504. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
405 section 32-7h of the general statutes, the commissioner shall allocate  
406 the following amounts from the small business express assistance  
407 account, established pursuant to said section, to the Minority Business  
408 Initiative Advisory Board established pursuant to section 503 of this  
409 act: (1) Two million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and

410 (2) one million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The  
411 advisory board may use not more than five per cent of the allocation in  
412 each fiscal year for the administrative costs of performing the duties  
413 described in subsection (a) of section 503 of this act.

414 Sec. 505. Section 32-1p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
415 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

416 [(a)] With respect to digital media and motion picture activities, the  
417 Department of Economic and Community Development shall have the  
418 following powers and duties:

419 (1) To promote the use of Connecticut locations, structures, facilities  
420 and services for the production and postproduction of all digital media  
421 and motion pictures and other media-related products;

422 (2) To provide support services to visiting and in-state production  
423 companies, including assistance to digital media and motion picture  
424 producers in securing permits from state agencies, authorities or  
425 institutions or municipalities or other political subdivisions of the  
426 state;

427 (3) To develop and update a resource library concerning the many  
428 possible state sites which are suitable for production;

429 (4) To develop and update a production manual of available digital  
430 media and motion picture production facilities and services in the  
431 state;

432 (5) To conduct and attend trade shows and production workshops  
433 to promote Connecticut locations and facilities;

434 (6) To prepare an explanatory guide showing the impact of relevant  
435 state and municipal tax statutes, regulations and administrative  
436 opinions on typical production activities and to implement the tax  
437 credits provided for in sections 12-217jj, 12-217kk and 12-217ll;

438 (7) To formulate and propose guidelines for state agencies for a "one

439 stop permitting" process for matters, including, but not limited to, the  
440 use of state roads and highways, the use of state-owned real or  
441 personal property for production activities and the conduct of  
442 regulated activities, and to hold workshops to assist state agencies in  
443 implementing such process;

444 (8) To formulate and recommend to municipalities model local  
445 ordinances and forms to assist production activities, including, but not  
446 limited to, "one stop permitting" of digital media and motion picture  
447 and other production activity to be conducted in a municipality, and to  
448 hold workshops to assist municipalities in implementing such  
449 ordinances;

450 (9) To accept any funds, gifts, donations, bequests or grants of funds  
451 from private and public sources for the purposes of this section;

452 (10) To request and obtain from any state agency, authority or  
453 institution or any municipality or other political subdivision of the  
454 state such assistance and data as will enable the department to carry  
455 out the purposes of this section;

456 (11) To assist and promote cooperation among all segments of  
457 management and labor that are engaged in digital media and motion  
458 pictures; and

459 (12) To take any other administrative action which may improve the  
460 position of the state's digital media and motion picture production  
461 industries in national and international markets.

462 [(b) On or before January 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the  
463 Department of Economic and Community Development shall submit  
464 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
465 cognizance of matters relating to commerce and finance, revenue and  
466 bonding, in accordance with section 11-4a, a report on the activities of  
467 the department under this section and the estimated direct and  
468 indirect economic impact of all digital media, motion pictures and  
469 related production activity in the state, during the preceding calendar



470 year. Each such report shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis  
471 of the use of the film production tax credit established under section  
472 12-217jj, the entertainment industry infrastructure tax credit  
473 established under section 12-217kk and the digital animation  
474 production tax credit established under section 12-217ll, and shall  
475 include a description of each production or project for which a tax  
476 credit has been issued, the amount of any such tax credit and the total  
477 amount of production expenses or costs incurred in the state by the  
478 taxpayer who was issued such a tax credit and any other information  
479 that may be requested by a chairperson of the joint standing  
480 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
481 relating to commerce and finance, revenue and bonding.]

482 Sec. 506. Section 32-1o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
483 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

484 (a) On or before July 1, 2015, and every four years thereafter, the  
485 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, within  
486 available appropriations, shall prepare an economic development  
487 strategic plan for the state in consultation with the Secretary of the  
488 Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioners of Energy and  
489 Environmental Protection and Transportation, the Labor  
490 Commissioner, the chairperson of the Culture and Tourism Advisory  
491 Committee, the executive directors of the Connecticut Housing  
492 Finance Authority and the Connecticut Health and Educational  
493 Facilities Authority, and the chief executive officer of Connecticut  
494 Innovations, Incorporated, or their respective designees, and any other  
495 agencies the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
496 Development deems appropriate.

497 (b) In developing the plan, the Commissioner of Economic and  
498 Community Development shall:

499 (1) Ensure that the plan is consistent with (A) the text and locational  
500 guide map of the state plan of conservation and development adopted  
501 pursuant to chapter 297, and (B) the state's consolidated plan for

502 housing and community development prepared pursuant to section 8-  
503 37t;

504 (2) Consult regional councils of governments, regional planning  
505 organizations, regional economic development agencies, interested  
506 state and local officials, entities involved in economic and community  
507 development, stakeholders and business, economic, labor, community  
508 and housing organizations;

509 (3) Consider (A) regional economic, community and housing  
510 development plans, and (B) applicable state and local workforce  
511 investment strategies;

512 (4) Assess and evaluate the economic development challenges and  
513 opportunities of the state and against the economic development  
514 competitiveness of other states and regions; and

515 (5) Host regional forums to provide for public involvement in the  
516 planning process.

517 (c) The strategic plan required under this section shall include, but  
518 not be limited to, the following:

519 (1) A review and evaluation of the economy of the state, [ Such  
520 review and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, a sectoral  
521 analysis, housing market and housing affordability analysis, labor  
522 market and labor quality analysis, demographic analysis and historic  
523 trend analysis and projections] including its strengths;

524 (2) A review and analysis of factors, issues and forces that impact or  
525 impede economic development and responsible growth in Connecticut  
526 and its constituent regions; [ Such factors, issues or forces shall  
527 include, but not be limited to, transportation, including, but not  
528 limited to, commuter transit, rail and barge freight, technology  
529 transfer, brownfield remediation and development, health care  
530 delivery and costs, early education, primary education, secondary and  
531 postsecondary education systems and student performance, business

532 regulation, labor force quality and sustainability, social services costs  
533 and delivery systems, affordable and workforce housing cost and  
534 availability, land use policy, emergency preparedness, taxation,  
535 availability of capital and energy costs and supply;]

536 [(3) Identification and analysis of economic clusters that are growing  
537 or declining within the state;]

538 [(4)] (3) An analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state that (A)  
539 identifies those industry sectors that are of current or future  
540 importance to the growth of the state's economy and to its global  
541 competitive position, (B) identifies what those industry sectors need  
542 for continued growth, and (C) identifies those industry sectors' current  
543 and potential impediments to growth;

544 [(5) A review and evaluation of the economic development structure  
545 in the state, including, but not limited to, (A) a review and analysis of  
546 the past and current economic, community and housing development  
547 structures, budgets and policies, efforts and responsibilities of its  
548 constituent parts in Connecticut, and (B) an analysis of the  
549 performance of the current economic, community and housing  
550 development structure, and its individual constituent parts, in meeting  
551 its statutory obligations, responsibilities and mandates and their  
552 impact on economic development and responsible growth in  
553 Connecticut;]

554 [(6)] (4) Establishment and articulation of a vision for Connecticut  
555 that identifies where the state should be in [five, ten, fifteen and  
556 twenty years] the future;

557 [(7)] (5) Establishment of prioritized, clear and measurable goals and  
558 objectives for the state and regions [, to meet the short and long-term  
559 goals established under this section and provide] and clear steps and  
560 strategies to achieve said goals and objectives, [including, but not  
561 limited to, the following] which may include, but shall not be limited  
562 to: (A) The promotion of economic development and opportunity, (B)  
563 the fostering of effective transportation access and choice including the

564 use of airports and ports for economic development, (C) enhancement  
565 and protection of the environment, (D) maximization of the effective  
566 development and use of the workforce consistent with applicable state  
567 or local workforce investment strategy, (E) promotion of the use of  
568 technology in economic development, including access to high-speed  
569 telecommunications, and (F) the balance of resources through sound  
570 management of physical development;

571 [(8) Prioritization of goals and objectives established under this  
572 section;]

573 [(9)] (6) Establishment of relevant measures that clearly identify and  
574 quantify (A) whether a goal and objective is being met at the state,  
575 regional, local and private sector level, and (B) cause and effect  
576 relationships, and provide a clear and replicable measurement  
577 methodology;

578 [(10)] (7) Recommendations on how the state can best achieve goals  
579 under the strategic plan; [and provide cost estimates for  
580 implementation of the plan and the projected return on investment for  
581 those areas;] and

582 [(11) A review and evaluation of the operation and efficacy of the  
583 urban jobs program established pursuant to sections 32-9i to 32-9l,  
584 inclusive, enterprise zones established pursuant to section 32-70,  
585 railroad depot zones established pursuant to section 32-75a, qualified  
586 manufacturing plants designated pursuant to section 32-75c,  
587 entertainment districts established pursuant to section 32-76 and  
588 enterprise corridor zones established pursuant to section 32-80. The  
589 review and evaluation of enterprise zones shall include an analysis of  
590 enterprise zones that have been expanded to include an area in a  
591 contiguous municipality or in which there are base or plant closures;

592 (12) An assessment of program performance with regard to the  
593 development, research and economic assistance matching grant  
594 program established pursuant to section 32-345; and]

595     [(13)] (8) Any other responsible growth information that the  
596 commissioner deems appropriate.

597     (d) On or before July 1, [2009] 2019, and every [five] four years  
598 thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
599 Development shall submit [an] the economic development strategic  
600 plan for the state to the Governor for approval. The Governor shall  
601 review and approve or disapprove such plan not more than sixty days  
602 after submission. The plan shall be effective upon approval by the  
603 Governor or sixty days after the date of submission.

604     (e) Upon approval, the commissioner shall submit the economic  
605 development strategic plan to the joint standing committees of the  
606 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce,  
607 planning and development, appropriations and the budgets of state  
608 agencies and finance, revenue and bonding. Not later than thirty days  
609 after such submission, the commissioner shall post the plan on the web  
610 site of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

611     (f) The commissioner, from time to time, may revise and update the  
612 strategic plan upon approval of the Governor. The commissioner shall  
613 post any such revisions on the web site of the Department of Economic  
614 and Community Development.

615     Sec. 507. Section 12-263m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
616 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

617     (a) As used in this section: (1) "Eligible dry cleaning establishment"  
618 means any place of business engaged in the cleaning of clothing or  
619 other fabrics using tetrachlorethylene, Stoddard solvent or other  
620 chemicals or any place of business that accepts clothing or other fabrics  
621 to be cleaned by another establishment using such chemicals, (2) "gross  
622 receipts at retail" means the total amount accruing from dry cleaning  
623 services at retail, valued in money, without any deduction for the cost  
624 of the materials used, labor or service cost or any other expense, and  
625 (3) "eligible applicant" means (A) a business owner or operator of an  
626 eligible dry cleaning establishment, or (B) an owner of property that is

627 or that was occupied by an eligible dry cleaning establishment.

628 (b) (1) There shall be paid to the Commissioner of Revenue Services  
629 by each dry cleaning establishment a surcharge of one per cent of its  
630 gross receipts at retail for any dry cleaning service performed on or  
631 after January 1, 1995. Each dry cleaning establishment shall register  
632 with the Commissioner of Revenue Services on forms prescribed by  
633 the commissioner. Each dry cleaning establishment that is registered  
634 with the commissioner shall renew its registration with the  
635 commissioner on October 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, in such  
636 manner as the commissioner may prescribe. The commissioner shall  
637 send a nonrenewal notice by first class mail to each dry cleaning  
638 establishment that fails to renew its registration in accordance with the  
639 provisions of this subsection. No dry cleaning establishment may  
640 engage in or transact business as a dry cleaning establishment unless it  
641 is registered with the commissioner in accordance with the provisions  
642 of this subsection.

643 (2) (A) Any dry cleaning establishment that fails to register with the  
644 commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this subsection  
645 shall pay a penalty of one thousand dollars, which penalty shall not be  
646 subject to waiver.

647 (B) Any dry cleaning establishment that fails to renew its  
648 registration within forty-five days after a nonrenewal notice was sent  
649 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall pay a penalty of  
650 two hundred dollars, which the commissioner may waive in the  
651 manner set forth in section 12-3a, when it is proven to the  
652 commissioner's satisfaction that the failure to register was due to  
653 reasonable cause and was not intentional or due to neglect. No penalty  
654 may be assessed under this subparagraph more than once during any  
655 registration period.

656 (3) Each dry cleaning establishment shall submit a return quarterly  
657 to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, applicable with respect to  
658 the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 1995, and each calendar

659 quarter thereafter, on or before the last day of the month immediately  
660 following the end of each such calendar quarter, on a form prescribed  
661 by the commissioner, together with payment of the quarterly  
662 surcharge determined and payable in accordance with the provisions  
663 of this section. Whenever such surcharge is not paid when due, a  
664 penalty of ten per cent of the amount due or fifty dollars, whichever is  
665 greater, shall be imposed, and such surcharge shall bear interest at the  
666 rate of one per cent per month or fraction thereof until the same is  
667 paid. The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall cause copies of a  
668 form prescribed for submitting returns as required under this section  
669 to be distributed to persons subject to the surcharge. Failure to receive  
670 such form shall not be construed to relieve anyone subject to the  
671 surcharge under this section from the obligations of submitting a  
672 return, together with payment of such surcharge within the time  
673 required. The provisions of sections 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and  
674 sections 12-555a and 12-555b shall apply to the provisions of this  
675 section in the same manner and with the same force and effect as if the  
676 language of said sections 12-548 to 12-554, inclusive, and sections 12-  
677 555a and 12-555b had been incorporated in full into this section and  
678 had expressly referred to the surcharge imposed under this section,  
679 except to the extent that any such provision is inconsistent with a  
680 provision of this section and except that the term "tax" shall be read as  
681 "dry cleaning establishment surcharge".

682 (4) Any moneys received by the state pursuant to this section shall  
683 be deposited into the account established pursuant to subsection (c) of  
684 this section.

685 (c) There is established an account within the General Fund to be  
686 known as the "dry cleaning establishment remediation account". Said  
687 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in  
688 the account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any  
689 fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year  
690 next succeeding. The account shall be used by the Department of  
691 Economic and Community Development for grants made to owners or  
692 operators of eligible dry cleaning establishments or owners of property

693 on which an eligible dry cleaning establishment has been in operation  
694 for at least a year prior to the approval of the application or was  
695 previously operated for at least a year prior to such approval.

696 (d) The state, acting through the Commissioner of Economic and  
697 Community Development, shall use the dry cleaning establishment  
698 remediation account to provide grants to applicants for the purposes  
699 of the containment and removal or mitigation of environmental  
700 pollution resulting from the discharge, spillage, uncontrolled loss,  
701 seepage or filtration of chemical liquids or solid, liquid or gaseous  
702 products or hazardous wastes on or at the site of an eligible dry  
703 cleaning establishment or for measures undertaken to prevent such  
704 pollution which are approved by the Commissioner of Energy and  
705 Environmental Protection. In order to qualify for a grant under the  
706 provisions of this section an eligible applicant must demonstrate to the  
707 satisfaction of the Commissioner of Economic and Community  
708 Development that (1) the eligible dry cleaning establishment is using  
709 or previously used, tetrachlorethylene or Stoddard solvent or other  
710 chemicals for the purpose of cleaning clothes or other fabrics, (2) the  
711 eligible dry cleaning establishment has been doing business or did  
712 business at the site for a period of at least one year prior to the  
713 submission date or approval date of the application for assistance  
714 under this section, (3) the eligible dry cleaning establishment or owner  
715 of property is not in arrears with regard to any tax levied by the state  
716 or any political subdivision of the state and the dry cleaning surcharge  
717 imposed by subsection (b) of this section, and (4) the eligible applicant  
718 is not in arrears with regard to any tax levied by the state or any  
719 political subdivision of the state. Any funds disbursed as a grant under  
720 this section shall not be subject to attachment in the satisfaction of any  
721 judgment against the recipient of such grant in any civil action.

722 (e) Notwithstanding the terms of any grant made under this section,  
723 an eligible applicant shall bear all the costs of such pollution that are  
724 less than ten thousand dollars. The Commissioner of Economic and  
725 Community Development may provide a grant of up to three hundred  
726 thousand dollars to the eligible applicant where the eligible applicant



727 has provided said commissioner with documentation satisfactory to  
728 said commissioner that the services for which payment is sought have  
729 been or will be completed. No eligible applicant shall receive more  
730 than three hundred thousand dollars per eligible dry cleaning  
731 establishment. In addition, the account may be used (1) to provide  
732 grants to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for  
733 expenditures made investigating dry cleaning establishments, (2) to  
734 provide potable water whenever necessary, and (3) to conduct  
735 environmental site assessments.

736 (f) Requests for grants shall be made to the Commissioner of  
737 Economic and Community Development. Any eligible applicant  
738 seeking a grant shall provide documentation supporting the need for  
739 the grant.

740 (g) Any dry cleaning establishment which unlawfully or  
741 intentionally discharges or spills any chemical liquids or solid, liquid  
742 or gaseous products or hazardous wastes shall not be eligible for a  
743 grant from the account.

744 (h) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
745 shall establish procedures for distribution of the grants and shall adopt  
746 criteria to carry out the provisions of this section. Such criteria shall  
747 specify (1) who may apply for grants; (2) how establishments, whether  
748 owned or leased, will be determined to be eligible for grants; (3) the  
749 costs for which grants may be made; and (4) a method for ensuring  
750 timely payment of funds to grant recipients.

751 [(i) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
752 shall include in the report required pursuant to section 32-1m an  
753 annual report that shall include information as to the number of  
754 applications received, and the number and amounts of grants made,  
755 since the inception of the program, the names of the applicants, the  
756 time period between submission of an application and the decision to  
757 approve or deny the grant, which applications were approved and  
758 which applications were denied and the reasons for denial. Such report

759 shall further include a recommendation as to whether the surcharge  
760 and the grant program established under this section should continue.]

761 Sec. 508. Section 32-58 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
762 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

763 The Department of Economic and Community Development shall  
764 advise and cooperate with any municipal or regional agency,  
765 commission or authority responsible for economic planning in order to  
766 formulate and implement plans to reduce the dependency of a  
767 municipal or regional economy on prime defense contracts and to  
768 alleviate the effects of a possible prime defense contract cutback. [The  
769 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall  
770 submit on or before September first of each year to the Governor and  
771 the General Assembly a report which evaluates the extent to which the  
772 economy of the state is dependent on prime defense contracts,  
773 designates the municipalities or regions whose economies are  
774 particularly dependent on prime defense contracts, describes the  
775 adequacy of the steps being taken to meet potential problems resulting  
776 from such dependency and shall include recommendations as to the  
777 need for further legislative and administrative action to reduce such  
778 dependency and to aid areas which have been or may be impacted by  
779 prime defense contract cutbacks.]

780 Sec. 509. Section 10-95h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
781 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

782 (a) Not later than November thirtieth each year, the joint standing  
783 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
784 relating to education, higher education and employment advancement  
785 and labor shall meet with the chairperson of the technical high school  
786 system board and the superintendent of the technical high school  
787 system, the Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of Economic and  
788 Community Development and such other persons as they deem  
789 appropriate to consider the items submitted pursuant to subsection (b)  
790 of this section.

791 (b) On or before November fifteenth, annually:

792 (1) The Labor Commissioner shall submit the following to the joint  
793 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
794 matters relating to education, higher education and employment  
795 advancement and labor: (A) Information identifying general economic  
796 trends in the state; (B) occupational information regarding the public  
797 and private sectors, such as continuous data on occupational  
798 movements; and (C) information identifying emerging regional, state  
799 and national workforce needs over the next thirty years.

800 (2) The superintendent of the technical high school system shall  
801 submit the following to the joint standing committees of the General  
802 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, higher  
803 education and employment advancement and labor: (A) Information  
804 ensuring that the curriculum of the technical high school system is  
805 incorporating those workforce skills that will be needed for the next  
806 thirty years, as identified by the Labor Commissioner in subdivision  
807 (1) of this subsection, into the technical high schools; (B) information  
808 regarding the employment status of students who graduate from or  
809 complete an approved program of study at the technical high school  
810 system, including, but not limited to: (i) Demographics such as age and  
811 gender, (ii) course and program enrollment and completion, (iii)  
812 employment status, and (iv) wages prior to enrolling and after  
813 graduating; (C) an assessment of the adequacy of the resources  
814 available to the technical high school system as the system develops  
815 and refines programs to meet existing and emerging workforce needs;  
816 (D) recommendations to the technical high school system board to  
817 carry out the provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of this  
818 subdivision; and (E) information regarding staffing at each technical  
819 high school for the current academic year. The superintendent of the  
820 technical high school system shall collaborate with the Labor  
821 Commissioner to obtain information as needed to carry out the  
822 provisions of this subsection.

823 [(3) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development

824 shall submit the following to the joint standing committees of the  
 825 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,  
 826 higher education and employment advancement and labor: (A)  
 827 Information regarding the relationship between the Department of  
 828 Economic and Community Development and the technical high school  
 829 system, (B) information regarding coordinated efforts of the  
 830 department and the technical high school system to collaborate with  
 831 the business community, (C) information on workforce training needs  
 832 identified by the department through its contact with businesses, (D)  
 833 recommendations regarding how the department and the technical  
 834 high school system can coordinate or improve efforts to address the  
 835 workforce training needs identified in subparagraph (C) of this  
 836 subdivision, (E) information regarding the efforts of the department to  
 837 utilize the technical high school system in business assistance and  
 838 economic development programs offered by the department, and (F)  
 839 any additional information the commissioner deems relevant.]

840 Sec. 510. Section 32-1r of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 841 *from passage*)

842 Sec. 511. Section 31-362 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 843 *October 1, 2017*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	32-1m
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 505	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	32-1p
Sec. 506	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	32-1o
Sec. 507	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	12-263m
Sec. 508	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	32-58
Sec. 509	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-95h
Sec. 510	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 511	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	Repealer section